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DIARY NOTES

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4 May 1965

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. I reported that we had added another communications circuit to the White House and that both are in full use.

b. I described our Summer-only Employment Program for Admiral Raborn's information and reported that we would send out notices of acceptance to 310 dependents, notify an additional 40 applicants that they have been placed on the waiting list, and would advise the remainder of the [REDACTED] applicants that we could not offer them employment this summer.

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2. I spoke to [REDACTED] about taking better care of the boxwoods outside Admiral Raborn's and Dick Helms' offices.

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3. Howard Osborn reported that all security gadgets have been removed from Mr. McCone's residence.

4. I looked at the proposed location for the heliport with [REDACTED] Howard Osborn, and others. As a result, I asked that the following things be done:

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a. I would like to speed up this project as much as possible. H. S. seemed pretty vague about how soon it could be completed, and according to what he told me, I doubt that we will have a parking lot or heliport by Christmas.

b. I insisted that adequate attention be given to lighting the new parking lot. Although we may not be able to have tall light poles because of the heliport, I see no reason why we cannot have sufficient light intensity to light the parking lot well.

c. I also insisted again that they get an official stamp of approval on the location and specifications for this heliport from the Federal Aviation Agency or other appropriate Government agency.

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5. [REDACTED] reported that General Palmer's Task Force in [REDACTED] now has a communications circuit. (However, as of Wednesday, 5 May, they were still sending a substantial volume of Flash and Immediate traffic over our system.)

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25X1A9a 6. [REDACTED] was up to brief me on all of the support activities in which he has been engaged in connection with the [REDACTED] crisis. I concluded that he is doing an excellent job indeed.

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7. Jack Earman suggested that I think about installing a telephone with an Agency extension and a White House telephone in the guest suite of the Chief of Naval Operations' quarters which Admiral and Mrs. Raborn will occupy temporarily.

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9. Admiral Raborn called me again about houses. He still seemed to be very interested in W. C. and A. N. Miller houses and in those houses across Route 123 from the Headquarters building. He intended to invite Mr. Miller out here for lunch. I told him that I thought this might be a good idea and that I would be happy to join them.

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